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## Refractory and Unfriendly Germany

ought to be punished after we have become a world's war nation and be forced to take our meat without investigation. Germany is no better than our own soldiers who fought under "old glory" in Cuba and Porto Rico, and did not examine the Alger "embalmed beef." Neither should Germany have more rights than our soldiers. She should buy and pay for our meat without any examinations or objections, and swallow it too.

Washington papers, *Post*, *Star* and *Times*, please copy the above patriotic article. It is just their style to write.

## Oppose Expansion!

The *Wine and Spirit Gazette* of New York says that the brewers who met in that city recently to protest against the continuance of the oppressive war tax on beer will not be able to make much headway in their agitation unless they come out squarely against the humbug of imperialism and expansion, with its accompanying proposed large standing army. A decided stand for the Monroe Doctrine and against the un-American policy of expansion and imperialism, taken by the brewers of the country, says the *Gazette*, will strike a sympathetic chord in the breasts of all true Americans who are opposed to such a policy, and secure for the agitation set in motion by the brewing industry that public support without which a repeal of the law imposing the onerous war taxes is impossible.

## To be a Good American

citizen in Germany, says the *Washington Post*, one must become drunk and abuse the Kaiser. Knaak when drunk was a good American citizen for he abused the Kaiser, when sober he was a bad one, because then he eulogized the Kaiser.

It will be perhaps of interest to the *Post* to know that there is not a single one of the 300 German-American papers published in this country (the *WASHINGTON SENTINEL* one of them), that would have objected if Knaak had been punished in Germany for being such a "good American citizen" as the *Post* wants him to be.

Those papers are all edited by patriotic gentlemen, who desire that all, especially the German-Americans, who visit Germany, or any country, should behave themselves as gentlemen and not disgrace themselves by brutal drunkenness. They may disagree with many things they see and find in Germany, but it is not their province to remedy those things. They should be satisfied to enjoy that personal liberty which they find there and miss so much in this "land of the free."

Will the *Washington Post* have the fairness to copy this article?

## FOOT CUBANS.

The Cubans will be in sorrow and misery on the first of January. They will find out the true meaning of American humanity. The Spaniards who withdraw on that day from Cuba, do not leave the island to its inhabitants but to the Americans. The latter have conquered the island for themselves and not for its inhabitants. Old Glory is a mere freebooter's flag.

The reason why the Cubans are treated in that cruel way and deprived of the personal liberties that even the Spaniards did not deny them is no secret. No self-government is to be allowed to them. The Government which Mr. McKinley, Hanna and Alger are going to give to them, will be composed of men selected and controlled by the Spanish Cuban bondholders, syndicates and trusts. That Government, supported by American bayonets, is to saddle the island with at least one hundred millions of those bonds and the loss of the most valuable franchises. That that is a fact, can be seen daily in the savage articles of the *Washington Post* against the Cubans, and of its sanctioning and advocating the military despotism, trampling the Cuban people under the American flag. The *Post* was for Dupuy de Lome and Spain. For the bondholders it has always been. Its publisher went, or was sent, to Paris, to work for their interest. No real self-government of the people of all those "colonies" will be granted, for the Cubans and Filipinos would never voluntarily burden themselves with the Spanish bonds.

Where are our Democratic leaders? Is there not one amongst them? To h—ll with your talk about silver and gold, if the liberties of the country, the Republic, are going to the devil! What a miserable spectacle these Democrats offer!

## CONGRESS, ATTENTION!

Has the President the Right to Make War Upon a Foreign Country Without Your Consent?

Have We a Roman Emperor Abroad?

The people of the Philippines have waged a war for their independence against Spain for many years. They have succeeded in breaking Spain's power over them, and driven the Spaniards into a few cities. They have at the same time captured some 15,000 prisoners whom they still hold, until Spain has recognized their independence.

Before the Americans came the Filipinos had beleaguered Manila. The Americans helped them on the sea side with their fleet, and finally, the Filipinos occupying and fighting on the land side, the city surrendered. The Filipinos wanted to have a share in the surrender, but the Americans took all for themselves. The latter now occupy the city, whilst the Filipinos hold and control all outside in the same way as when the Spanish had possession.

In the meantime the Americans made a bargain. In consideration of twenty millions of dollars they bought a large piece of the world's map, claimed by Spain but which really did not belong to the Spaniards but to the Filipinos, who had successfully fought the Spaniards and kept them out of possession. All the possession the Spaniards had consisted in some fortified places, Iloilo one of them, which were beleaguered by the Filipinos, and 15,000 Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, and whom the Americans, in addition to the twenty millions to be paid, obligated themselves in that now famous Paris treaty to have liberated and returned to Spain.

But the Filipinos paid no attention to that Paris bargain, by which the Spanish government sold them like cattle to the Americans. They continued their fight against the Spaniards, and last Monday they captured their city Iloilo from the Spaniards. This is the situation to-day. Now comes the second act.

Mr. McKinley, the American Autocrat, who has more power than any of the living Czars, Emperors and Kings, has ordered his forces, without asking Congress for permission, to open war against the Filipinos, if they will not surrender their city, which they have just conquered from the Spaniards, to the United States. We are, therefore, engaged in a new war with a foreign country.

That the Filipinos are in the right, no man with any sense in him will deny. That we are wrong to force ten millions of people, against whom we have no sort of complaint to make, except that they want to be free and not our vassals and slaves, can neither be denied.

All the claim we have is that we have plenty of money, guns and power to carry on war, and that we want to have something for our twenty million dollars to be paid to Spain. The hypocritical cry of humanity cannot be raised any more by the Americans than by the Spaniards, for there is no difference between the two. It is power, self-interest and conquest which the Spaniards yield to the Americans for a money consideration. All talk of liberty and humanity is the meanest and most contemptible humbug. American guns stomp, kill and murder as well, and perhaps better than the Spaniards.

Congress has to act. It must stop that war business, or the Republic will be ruined in a short time.

## All Except Guam.

Thus far the promptest and eagerest practical "expansionists" are Messrs. Alger, Corbin and Hecker. Indeed, so eager are they that it is doubtful if their "expansion" will leave very much room for the remaining seventy odd millions of their fellow countrymen to "expand."

Reference here is not especially to their army increase bill which gives them about 2,000 offices to distribute. It is rather to the larger project of which the army bill is as an elephant's tail to the rest of his bulk. This project is contained in the order reserving to Mr. Alger and of course his associates, the astute Hecker and the audacious Corbin, the exclusive right to make "grants or concessions of public or corporate rights or fran-

chises for the construction of public or quasi public works, such as railways, tramroads, telegraph and telephone lines, water works, gas works, electric light lines, &c. \* \* in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines."

Attorney General Griggs paused in his sleuthing of the wicked trusts long enough to express to a reporter his surprise "that any one should criticise this order," and to admit that "a few franchises may be granted."

This suggests the historic remark of the Kentuckian who when asked if he drank much whiskey replied, "There isn't much whiskey." To a man with a vigorous franchise appetite there are in the whole world only "a few franchises."

On the whole, the order is not as "expansive" as it might have been. It still leaves to the mass of "expansionists" the island of Guam. And that is a great relief, whether it was an oversight or a bit of characteristic generosity.

## The Complication At Iloilo.

The capture by the insurgent Filipinos of Iloilo, the capital of the island of Panay and the second city of the Philippines, precipitates a difficulty which has for some time been felt to be inevitable.

Gen. Otis despatched an expedition of our forces to relieve the beleaguered Spaniards, but arrived too late. The Spanish Gen. Rios had formally surrendered the city, and our soldiers found Aguinaldo's flag flying over it. Gen. Otis reports further that the Spanish forces have evacuated all stations held by them in the southern islands except one city, in which they have concentrated—"by order, as they say, from Madrid."

Here is truly a "pretty how d'ye-do!" We have just agreed to pay Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, and now Spain is quitting the few ports that she held and inviting us to take possession—it we can!

And yet our Peace Commissioners have been patting themselves on the back, so to speak, in self-felicitation upon their shrewdness and success in dealing with Spain!

Of course Admiral Dewey can shell the Filipinos out of Iloilo if they refuse to surrender the city, and it is reported that he has been ordered to do so. But is this the feast to which the "treaty of peace" invites us? Are we committed to a war of conquest? Must our guns, unlimbered and shot at in a war to free Cuba, be turned upon a people who have, like the Cubans, long been fighting for freedom and independence?

The scene shifting in the comedy of peace and the tragedy of war at the Philippines comes in good time to give the Senate food for sober reflection in its consideration of the treaty.

## Miles and Egan.

The trouble between Gen. Miles and Gen. Egan grows interesting. Gen. Miles testified before the War Investigating Commission that some of the meat furnished the troops during the war was unfit for human food. Gen. Egan as the head of the Commissary Department, declares that unless Gen. Miles retracts his statement he, Egan, will invoke both civil and military law to punish him.

Gen. Miles is pursuing the more prudent course of saying nothing and collecting evidence to prove his assertions. Meantime Gen. Egan asserts that he is not Miles's subordinate, though he is of lower rank and an officer of the army of which Gen. Miles is commander. If Gen. Egan is right, if the head of the Subsistence Department is not subject to the orders of the General Commanding, then we are certainly in need of a radical army reorganization. The whole matter promises to come up before one or more courts-martial.

Tillman Preparing a Speech. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is about due to make one of his characteristic speeches. It has been many days since the South Carolina Senator has been heard in the Senate on public questions. His last noted speech was against the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, but since then he has been unusually silent on great questions of state. He appears to have grown a bit conservative during the past year and has not exhibited that fiery aggressiveness which was so characteristic during the early days of his Senatorial career. The Senator will have something to say, however, on the peace treaty when it comes up for consideration.

## Notice to Subscribers.

Many of our subscribers have received bills within the last few weeks, some of whom have failed to remit. The delinquents would greatly favor us if they would respond without further delay.

## AT THE THEATRES.

William H. Crane, who undoubtedly leads all of his contemporaries in the delineation of types of American character, will be the New Year's week attraction at the New National Theatre, opening his engagement with a holiday matinee. As usual Mr. Crane has a new play to offer, this time a pretentious comedy of domestic life entitled "The Head of the Family," and it comes directly from New York loaded down with the good things said of it during its run there. The play is an adaptation from the German and was put into English by Clyde Fitch and Leo Detrichstein. In it Mr. Crane is seen as a professor somewhat beyond middle age and devoted to his books, his flowers and his pipe. He has never been away from home in his life and is delicious on the subject of travelling. He knows the guide books by heart and by day when he is given his opportunity to take a journey is a red letter one in his career. He goes to the station an hour ahead of time, falls asleep and misses his train, after which he fights with a porter and gets arrested. All through life the old gentleman has been content to allow his wife to run the household and it is only after she nearly ruins the happiness of his daughters by her misguided plans for their welfare that he throws off his lethargy, ousts his wife from her seat of authority and becomes head of the family. Mr. Crane has staged the play elaborately and has given it a great cast. Among those who will be seen in it are Miss Percy Hawell, Miss Olive Oliver, petite and pretty Miss Gladys Wallis, Miss Yvonne Haskins, Miss Kate Lester, Miss Frances Stevens, Miss Lulu Bronson, Walter Hale, Boyd Putnam, Frederick Tuedell, William Paag and Will Dupont.

When the curtain is rung up Monday afternoon at the special New Year's matinee at the Columbia Theatre a large audience is sure to welcome the return to this city of the popular Rogers Bros. In John J. McNally's latest and funniest farce comedy, entitled "A Reign of Error" the advance sale of seats gives every indication of a most satisfactory engagement. The company engaged to interpret this comedy by Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger is an exceptionally large one, numbering almost forty people and including besides the Rogers Brothers, Georgia Cane, George F. Marion, Ada Lewis, Maude Raymond, John Farr, George Lawrence, Budd Ross, Edith St. Clair, and La Petite Adelaide. The stage is under the personal direction of Mr. Ben Teal. The scenery and costumes are said to be extremely elaborate, and it is gratifying to note the demand for seats should be so extremely large.

A brief season of grand opera will be inaugurated at the Lafayette Square Opera house on Tuesday evening next by the Elms Opera Company. (Course by the opening performance of "Romeo and Juliet"—an opera in which Melba sings with great luster—will attract the most brilliant as well as the most critical audience. With Melba will appear Bonard, the principal French tenor of the organization, whose appearances establish him more firmly each time as a singer of the very first rank. The cast, in addition to Melba and Bonard, will include Maudslowi, as Capulet, and Vries, as Mercutio; Boudouresque, as the Friar; Schumann, as Gaspard; and Rains, Van Hoose, Del Sol, Viviani, and Cassi. Signor Armando will make his first appearance in Washington as conductor, and the entire New York Symphony Orchestra will interpret the instrumental portion of the score.

The Academy of Music's New Year's attraction will be third addition of "Hogan's Alley," and the Yellow Kid, originated by R. F. Outcault, dramatized by W. H. McCart, and presented by Ireland's Kings, Gilmore and Leonard. The piece was presented here originally at the Bijou, a couple of seasons ago, and is remembered as a lively variety farce, full of fun, songs, and specialties.

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4:01 P.M.—Local for Front Royal, Strasburg and Harrisonburg, daily, except Sunday.

4:51 P.M.—Daily—WASHINGTON AND SOUTHERN VESTIBULE LIMITED, composed of Pullman vestibule sleepers, dining cars and day coaches. Sleepers New York to Nashville, Tenn., via Asheville, Knoxville and Chattanooga, New York to Tampa, via Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville, New York to Memphis, via Birmingham; New York and Washington to New Orleans, via Atlanta and Montgomery. Vestibule day coach Washington to Atlanta, Southern Railway dining car Greensboro to Montgomery.

THE "New York and Florida Limited" will be resumed January 9, 1899.

THAINS ON WASHINGTON AND OHIO DIVISION leave Washington 9:31 a.m. daily, and 7:45 p.m. daily except Sunday, and 6:25 p.m. daily for Herndon. Returning arrive at Washington 8:30 a.m. daily and 8:00 p.m. daily, and at Herndon 8:00 a.m. daily, except Sunday, from Herndon 8:00 a.m. daily, except Sunday, from Herndon.

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